

Application Serial No. 10/049,144 - Filed August 13, 2002

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 8 and 14-31 were pending. Claims 1, 8, 19, 30 and 31 have been amended. Claims 1, 8 and 14-31 remain pending.

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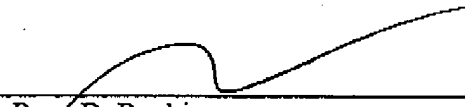
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**CONCLUSION**

Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5266-05900/RDR.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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